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BERL LOND ANNA ADDI DERN HADR ANKA ALGI BOWN PARI  
MUNH BACH KILAR LISB COPE NASO BBIR LEOP HEXI PROB NEWD  
DAMA DABA NOBI HAGO VIEN TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDD  
TUIS CYRU TEHE CNDR OSLO CAIR MOCA PACY CNVA ROME FRAN

PEBAND

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(NOFORN IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON.)

1. ADEN: BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN ADEN ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BOMBING INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE AT ADEN AIRPORT ON 10 DEC WAS PART OF AN ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY. THE BRITISH HAVE ROUNDED UP A NUMBER OF LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST PARTY, AN ARAB NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION, AND HAVE DEPORTED OVER 100 YEMENIS FROM ADEN IN THE WAKE OF THE INCIDENT. THE BRITISH APPARENTLY ARE FEARFUL THAT THE YEMENI REPUBLICANS, ASSISTED BY THE EGYPTIANS, ARE PLANNING TO MOUNT A SABOTAGE CAMPAIGN IN ADEN.

2. CYPRUS: //TOP GREEK OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER THAT GREEK ARMED FORCES WOULD BE COMMITTED QUICKLY AGAINST ANY TURKISH MILITARY INTERVENTION ARISING OUT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN CYPRUS. SUCH AN ASSURANCE COULD FURTHER EMBOLDEN CYPRUS PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND UNDERCUT CURRENT BRITISH EFFORTS TO FOSTER

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NEGOTIATIONS. A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH ANKARA RECOGNIZES HAZAROS IS HEAVILY COMMITTED TO CONSTITUTIONAL REVISES, TURKEY, TOO, IS DEEPLY COMMITTED AND PREPARES TO "GO THE LIMIT" IN SUPPORT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.//

3. ITALY: //THREATENED DEFECTIONS FROM THE SOCIALIST (PSI) AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE UNLIKELY TO DEFEAT PREMIER MORO IN THE PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE NEXT WEEK, BUT THEY MAY RAISE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE VIABILITY OF THE COALITION. RECENT LEFTWING SOCIALIST AGITATION FOR MORE INFLUENTIAL POSTS WITHIN THE PARTY'S HIERARCHY WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL AND SOME PSI DIE-HARDS MAY RISK EXPULSION BY VOTING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. OVER THE LONG RUN, THE KEY FACTOR MAY BE THE ATTITUDE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC RIGHT-WINGERS WHOSE DEFECTION WOULD LESSEN MORO'S MANEUVERABILITY.//

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